

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT:	Christian Knöpfle et al.	EXAMINER: Philogene, Pedro
SERIAL NO.:	09/921,233	GROUP ART UNIT: 3733
FILED:	August 1, 2001	ATTY. DOCK. NO.: 60,500-072
FOR:	SYSTEM INCLUDING A SELF-RETAINING IMPLANT AND A DEVICE FOR SECURING THE IMPLANT AND A METHOD OF USING THE SAME	

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**AMENDMENT**

**ATTENTION: MAILSTOP AMENDMENT**

**Commissioner for Patents**  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2009, please amend the claims as follows and consider the accompanying remarks. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and associated fee accompanies this Amendment. This Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the amendment format of 37 CFR §1.121 to place the application in condition for allowance.